

DISTRICT COURT of Baltimore City, and describing therein in general terms the property sought to be had again and repossessed as aforesaid, and also setting forth the name of the tenant to whom the same is rented, or his assignee or under tenant or tenants, with the amount of rent thereon due and unpaid; and praying by warrant to have again and repossess the premises, together with judgment for the amount of rent due and costs; and it shall thereupon be the duty of said [People's Court] DISTRICT COURT of Baltimore City forthwith to issue summons directed to a Constable of said court, ordering him to notify said tenant, assignee or under tenant forthwith to appear before the said [People's Court] DISTRICT COURT at trial to be held on the fifth day after the filing of said complaint, except as hereinafter provided, to show cause why the prayer of said lessor should not be granted as aforesaid, and the said Constable shall forthwith proceed to serve said summons on or before the third day after the filing of said complaint, upon said tenant, assignee or under tenant in said premises, or upon his or their known or authorized agent, or said Constable shall affix an attested copy of said summons conspicuously upon said premises, and such affixing of said summons shall, for the purposes of this subheading of this article, be deemed and construed a sufficient service upon all persons whomsoever.

[9-22.

One Justice of the Peace of said city shall have all the powers conferred upon two justices and a jury by the Public General Laws in relation to landlords and tenants, subject to appeal as in other cases of judgments by Justices of the Peace in said city.]

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If the summons issued for the tenant in a proceeding to dispossess him be returned non est, a second summons, returnable in not less than five days shall be issued, and a notice shall be sent to the tenant by first class mail, and if the tenant shall not be found, a copy of the second summons shall be left with the occupant of the premises, or if they be vacant, affixed to some principal building, or if no building then set up on the premises and on the day assigned in the summons for the appearance of the party the [Justice] JUDGE shall proceed as if he had appeared, provided notice has been sent to the tenant at the time the second summons is issued.

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The landlord or reversioner may file with the [Justice] DISTRICT COURT interrogatories to be answered by the tenant touching the tenancy or notice, or for any other matter of evidence in support of the pretensions of said landlord or reversioner, in and about such proceeding.